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Rice: Erdogan to tell G-8 about Turkey's success - Hurriyet
US to leave Iraq in 2006 - Sabah
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Amnesty: Turkish women need 'affirmative action' - Sabah
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Annan report calls for end to 'TRNC' isolation - Zaman
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'TRNC' to be represented at OIC as 'Turkish Cypriot State' -
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MFA: Turkey's policy toward Israel unchanged - Zaman
Israeli tanks besiege Arafat HQ - Yeni Safak
PKK 'mine' on Turkey's road to EU - Yeni Safak
FM Gul: Occupation forces should withdraw from Iraq - Yeni
Safak
Brahimi: Bremer Iraq's 'dictator' - Cumhuriyet
US accuses Chalabi of spying for Iran - Cumhuriyet
Putin won't attend NATO Summit - Cumhuriyet

BRIEFING

Cyprus: UN Secretary General Kofi Annan urged the world to
end the isolation of Turkish Cypriots as a reward for their
support for the UN-backed plan to reunify the island.
Annan, in a report to the UN Security Council on the failed
plan, praised the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey for having
done everything possible to support the plan and criticized
Greek Cypriot leader Papadopoulos for having campaigned
against it. "The Turkish Cypriot vote endorsing the U.N.
plan in the April 24 referendum has undone any rationale for
isolating them," Annan wrote. "While the Greek Cypriots'
judgment must be respected, they should realize they have
dealt a major setback to the cause of reunification," he
added. 'TRNC PM' Mehmet Ali Talat and Ankara have welcomed
the report. Dailies note that Papadopoulos will meet with
Annan on Thursday, but that the Greek Cypriot leader has
been refused any official meetings with the US
Administration.

Parliamentary delegation to Tel Aviv for Barghouti: A
Turkish parliamentary delegation will visit Tel Aviv to
extend support to imprisoned Palestinian lawmaker Marwan
Barghouti at the final hearing of his trial on June 6,
"Zaman" reports. The delegation will also request
permission from Israeli authorities to visit Barghouti in
prison.

PKK may renew attacks: Hundreds of the 5,000 PKK fighters
thought to be in northern Iraq have returned to Turkey in
recent months, Turkish authorities said on Wednesday.
Security forces went on high alert after a PKK/Kongra-Gel
announcement last week announcing the end of the unilateral
cease-fire as of June 1. The PKK threat has resurfaced
while Turkey is striving to get date from the EU to begin
accession talks, "Yeni Safak" notes. The paper also notes
that the PKK has decided to take action following the

enactment of key reforms for democratization in southeast Turkey. PKK/Kongra-Gel aims to disrupt such efforts and spoil Turkey's image in Europe, the paper speculates. The MFA spokesman said on Wednesday that the PKK/Kongra-Gel announcement threatening Turkey proves that the PKK is an armed terror organization. 'The PKK is on the US and EU terrorist lists, and countries engaged in the struggle against international terrorism should cooperate with us in the fight against the PKK terrorism,' the spokesman stressed.

Amnesty International: Turkish women victims of rape, abuse: According to an Amnesty International report released on Wednesday, up to half of Turkish women are victims of family violence, and many are subject to rape and other forms of physical and verbal abuse. Many Turkish women live in a state of constant fear in a society where honor killings are still practiced against women, Amnesty said. 'Hundreds of thousands of women in Turkey face fear daily in their homes. Up to half of all women in Turkey are estimated to be victims of physical violence at home,' Amnesty's Turkey researcher Christina Curry told a news conference in Istanbul. Experts estimate that up to 70 women are killed each year for 'dishonoring' their family, but the state has turned a blind eye to much of the violence and little official data exists on the number of women killed or beaten each year. The reports adds that Turkish women suffer inequality at home, in education, and in employment. Women's salaries in Turkey are between 20 and 50 percent of those of Turkish men. The report praised parliament's recent moves to improve the rights of women, including tougher sentencing for rapists and a possible ban on virginity testing. But the report also noted Turkey's failure to comply with several international human rights treaties to which it is a signatory. The report called on high-level Turkish officials, including the prime minister, to issue public condemnations of violence against women

EDITORIAL OPINION: Iraqi Government

"The US is Stumbling"
Yilmaz Oztuna observed in the conservative *Turkiye* (6/3):
"Things are not going well for the US in Iraq, and there are indications of more complications ahead. On the other hand, it is very unlikely that the US will give up on its policy of a 'Pax Americana.' This policy is based on three targets -- oil, terrorism, and support for Israel. . The fact is that the US only knew Iraq and Afghanistan in a theoretical way, so the real-life situation has brought about mistake after mistake. The current Iraqi government is yet another example of these mistakes. Even puppet governments should have certain standards, but this one fails even the most basic test. The US mistakes stem from the misconception that giving authority to Kurds will stabilize the future of Iraq. The Kurds do not consider themselves Arab or Iraqi. How could they possibly play a constructive role in the future of the country?"

"It is Hard to Name it Correctly"
Sami Kohen commented in the mass appeal *Milliyet* (6/3):
"Until now, it has been called the 'Greater Middle East Project,' or GMEP. More recently it is addressed as the 'Broader Middle East and Northern Africa Project', or BMENAP. Because final decisions about this project have not yet been made, one cannot be sure whether this name will remain as it is. The BMENAP is not as crude as the GMEP, but it will need a lot of time and effort to shape it properly. Starting from next week, the BMENAP will be presented in various international for a such as the G-8 meeting in the US and the NATO summit in Istanbul. An effort will be made to reflect this concept more concretely. During bilateral discussions, Turkey reiterates that democracy cannot be imposed by force. Priority should be given to economic support for these countries so that the process of reform can be accelerated. NATO should avoid direct intervention and to obtain security cooperation. Turkey has given another important message to Washington in connection with its own role in the project. Turkey is not pretending to be a model for countries in the region, and does not want others to hold it up as a model. However, Ankara is always ready to help countries tha want to use Turkey's past experiences as a model. A Turkish official said that 'naturally, we don't want to be left out of a such big project. But we need to contribute on a realistic basis'. The message PM Erdogan will be giving next week at the G-8 summit will be in this direction."

"A New Face for the New Colonialism: Iraqi Interim Government"

Akif Emre argued in the Islamist-opinion maker *Yeni Safak* (6/3): "The Iraqi interim government begins a new era for

the region, but this does not mean a democratic and free Iraq. It is indeed the beginning of the first act in the Greater Middle East Project. The composition of the interim government has been portrayed as representing the mosaic of Iraq. In fact, it only creates more distortion than before, because the representation system does not have any clear reference to either ethnic or religious balances. The Kurds are treated as privileged allies, and were placed in the critical positions. Given the current cooperation between Kurdish groups and US forces, one might easily guess who will be the collaborators of the colonial power in the future. . The US intention is not to achieve a fair distribution of Iraq's natural, political, and cultural resources among the people of Iraq. The US is beginning a new colonialism based on military supremacy. Iraq is the pilot project."

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